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## TAX COLLECTOR TO TAKE OVER LOCAL DRIVER LICENSE OFFICE

**CRYSTAL RIVER** - The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles announces upcoming changes to the Crystal River Driver License office. The office located at 1020 Northeast Fifth Street, Crystal River, FL 34429, will close its doors as a state-operated office at 5 p.m. on Feb. 25. Residents will continue to have access to driver license services at the same location as the office will reopen under the direction of The Honorable Janice A. Warren, Citrus County Tax Collector, who will begin to offer driver license services when the office reopens March 7. Between Feb. 28 and March 4, customers who must visit an office can go to the Tax Collector's office in Inverness, located in Suite 100 at 210 N. Apopka Avenue.

"We appreciate the partnership with Citrus County Tax Collector Janice Warren and her staff," said Division of Driver Licenses Director Sandra Lambert. "Her efforts to open an office in Crystal River will ensure motorists in the area continue to receive driver license services in a convenient location."

"The expansion of services began two years ago, when we began to issue driver licenses in Inverness," added Warren. "We are pleased to assist the residents in and around Crystal River by offering driver license and motor vehicle services at a location where they are already familiar."

Motorists can prepare for their next trip to obtain a new or renewed driver license or identification card by visiting <a href="www.GatherGoGet.com">www.GatherGoGet.com</a>. Florida requires additional documents, so visit the website to be sure you have everything you need before you make the trip.

When possible, the Department encourages customers to skip the trip and conduct their driver license business online at <a href="www.flhsmv.gov">www.flhsmv.gov</a>, where they can access various online services. Customers can renew their driver licenses, ID cards and vehicle tags, as well as change their address from the comfort of their home or office. There are no surcharges for using the Internet.

The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles provides highway safety and security through excellence in service, education and enforcement. The Department is leading the way to a safer Florida through the efficient and professional execution of its core mission: the issuance of driver licenses, vehicle tags and titles and operation of the Florida Highway Patrol. To learn more about DHSMV and the services offered, visit <a href="https://www.flhsmv.gov">www.flhsmv.gov</a> or follow us on Twitter at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/GatherGoGet">@FDHSMV</a>. The Department also has a Gather. Go. Get. Facebook page at <a href="http://www.facebook.com/GatherGoGet">http://www.facebook.com/GatherGoGet</a>.

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